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To: Interested Stakeholders
From: Cathie Petsch and Lea Ann Johnson
Re: Lincoln Community Learning Centers Initiative

September 2005 Update

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- Family Service has hired Priscilla Adams as the CLC site supervisor for West Lincoln Elementary and Goodrich Middle School. Priscilla is a recent University of Texas-Austin grad from Lubbock, TX.
- Tuesday, September 20 the Communication/Public Engagement Committee is offering a media training for site supervisors, SNAC members, principals and community based partners. Be at the Huntington media center 6:30 –8 pm to learn how to be a media hound and brand CLCs. Presenters include Principal Don Rangel, CLC marketing intern Stephanie Sparks and Dave Polson of Sterling Communications.
- Speaking of media...Lincoln's Community Learning Centers were featured on two front page sections of the Monday, August 29 *Omaha World-Herald*, noting Lincoln's CLCs have gained national attention. In a September 1 *Lincoln Business Journal* article on the Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools, Barb Bartle referenced Community Learning Centers. And this fall's LPS annual report/community newsletter will feature CLCs.
- Lea Ann Johnson will represent Nebraska September 20-23 in DC at the National Afterschool Coordinator's Network. Two full days of the convening will be devoted to that hot topic: evaluation.
- The first Republican to join 27 Democrat co-sponsors of The Full Service Community Schools Act of 2005 is our very own Rep. Tom Osborne. HR2207/S986 introduced by Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD) and Sen. Ben Nelson (D-NE) on May 10, 2005 has been referred to the House Sub-committee on Education Reform, co-chaired by Rep. Osborne.
<http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=h109-2207>
- After reading last year's *Good to Great* with the district, the professional learning community known as the CLC site supervisors will this year be reading a book edited by our good friends Joy Dryfoos and Jane Quinn, *Community Schools in Action: Lessons from a Decade of Practice*